AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing a mobile-telephone terminal with store-information, said method comprising:

setting said at least one mobile-telephone terminal to display a commodity selection menu, on which a user of said mobile-telephone terminal selects a commodity from a plurality of commodities;

receiving commodity information regarding the commodity selected by the user;

searching a store-information database storing the commodity information and store summary information including a name, an address and a phone of one or more stores dealing the commodity specified in the commodity information, based on the commodity information and positional information representing a position of the mobile-telephone terminal, and determining one store located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal among any other stores dealing the specified commodity;

accessing stock information representing a stock of commodities dealt by the determined store, and acquiring the stock information; and

sending the store summary information, regarding the determined store which is located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal, and the acquired stock information, to the mobile-telephone terminal, and setting the mobile-telephone terminal to display the sent information.

- 2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein
- the positional information is obtained by a mobile-telephone base station to which said mobile-telephone terminal is connected.
 - 3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further including:

receiving identification information for identifying a mobile-telephone base station to which said mobile-telephone terminal is connected; and

in a case where to specifywhen specifying the positional information,

specifying the positional information, based on the identification information.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further including: in a case where to specifywhen specifying the positional information,

receiving intensity information representing intensity of waves-to-be received from one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations to-at said mobile-telephone terminal and base-station identification information of the one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations; and

specifying the positional information, based on the intensity information and the basestation identification information.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further including in a case where to specifywhen specifying the positional information,

accessing a position-information server, providing the positional information of the mobile telephone terminal based on intensity information representing intensity of waves-to-be received from one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations to-at said mobile-telephone terminal and base-station identification information of the one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations, thereby specifying the positional information.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein

the positional information is obtained by said mobile-telephone terminal performing data communication with a GPS (Global Positioning System) satellite.

- 7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further including in a case where to acquire when acquiring the stock information, accessing a store terminal managing the stock information.
- 8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the stock information is updated in real time by said-a store terminal.
- 9. (original) The method according to claim 1, further including:

setting said at least one mobile-telephone terminal to display a commodity-ordering page for giving an order for the selected commodity;

receiving commodity-ordering information which said user input to give the order for the selected commodity on the commodity-ordering page;

sending the received commodity-ordering information to a store terminal managing the stock information; and

sending advance-ordering information representing an advance order for the ordered commodity to said mobile-telephone terminal, in response to a reply to the commodity-ordering information from the store terminal.

10. (currently amended) A method of providing a mobile-telephone terminal with store-information, said method comprising:

setting said mobile-telephone terminal to display a commodity selection menu for selecting one commodity from a plurality of commodities, on said mobile-telephone terminal;

sending commodity information regarding the commodity selected by a user of said mobile-telephone terminal on the commodity selection menu, to a store-information server connected to a mobile-telephone network;

searching a store-information database storing the commodity information and store summary information including a name, an address and a phone number of one or more store dealing the commodity specified in the commodity information, based on the commodity information and positional information representing a position of the mobile-telephone terminal, in said store-information server having received the commodity information, and determining one store located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal among any other stores dealing the commodity specified in the commodity information, on said store-information server having received the commodity information;

accessing stock information representing a stock of commodities dealt by the determined store, and acquiring the stock information; and

sending the store summary information, regarding the determined store which is located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal, and the acquired stock information, to

the mobile-telephone terminal, and setting the mobile-telephone terminal to display the sent information.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, further including in a case where to specify when specifying the positional information,

receiving intensity information representing intensity of waves-to be received from one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations to at said mobile-telephone terminal and base-station identification information of the one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations; and

specifying the positional information, based on the intensity information and the basestation identification information.

12. (currently amended) A store-information server coupled to a mobile-telephone network through a communication line and comprising: a processor; a storage unit; an input/output unit performing data communications with said mobile-telephone network through the communication line; a communication unit coupled to a store-terminal managing stock information of commodities dealt by each of a plurality of stores, through a network; and a store-information database storing commodity information regarding each of the commodities and

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 U.S. Application No. 09/988,280

store summary information including a name, an address and a phone number of each of the stores dealing the commodities specified in the commodity information,

wherein said processor

receives the commodity information regarding a commodity selected by a user of said mobile-telephone terminal, from said mobile-telephone terminal through said input/output unit,

searches said store-information database for one store located closest to a position of said mobile-telephone terminal among any other stores dealing the user-selected specified commodity, based on the commodity information regarding the user-selected commodity and positional information representing the position of said mobile-telephone terminal,

accessing a store terminal managing stock information of the determined store closest to the position of said mobile-telephone terminal, and acquiring the stock information of the selected commodity; and

sending the store summary information, regarding the determined store closest to the position of said mobile-telephone terminal, and the acquired stock information, to said mobile-telephone terminal, and setting said mobile-telephone terminal to display the sent information thereon.

13. (original) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 U.S. Application No. 09/988,280

said processor receives the positional information from a mobile-telephone base station to which said mobile-telephone terminal is connected, through said input/output unit.

14. (original) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein said processor

receives identification information identifying the mobile-telephone base station to which said mobile-telephone terminal is connected, through said input/output unit, and specifies the positional information based on the received identification information.

15. (currently amended) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein

said processor

receives intensity information representing intensity of waves-to-be received from one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations to-at said mobile-telephone terminal and base-station identification information of the one or more neighboring mobile-telephone base stations, from said mobile-telephone terminal through said input/output unit, and

specifying the positional information, based on the intensity information and the basestation identification information.

- 16. (original) The store-information server according to claim 15, wherein said processor accesses a position-information server providing the positional information based on the base-station identification information and the intensity information, so as to specify the positional information.
- 17. (original) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein said processor receives the positional information of said mobile-telephone terminal through said input/output unit, the positional information acquired in said mobile-telephone terminal by a communication with a GPS satellite.
 - 18. (original) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein said processor

receives commodity-ordering information input by the user to make an order for the selected commodity, from said mobile-telephone terminal through said input/output unit,

sending the received commodity-ordering information to a store terminal managing the stock information of commodities dealt by the closest store, through said communications unit, and

sending advance-ordering information for giving an order for the ordered commodity to said mobile-telephone terminal through the input/output unit, in response to a reply to the commodity-ordering information from the store terminal.

- 19. (original) The store-information server according to claim 12, wherein said store-information database is connected to said communications unit through the network.
- 20. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing computerimplementable instructionsprogram for controlling a computer to execute a method comprising:
 setting a mobile-telephone terminal to display a commodity selection menu for selecting
 a commodity from a plurality of commodities;

receiving commodity information regarding the commodity selected by a user of said mobile-telephone terminal on said commodity selection menu;

searching a store-information database storing the commodity information and store summary information including a name, an address and a phone number of a store dealing the commodity specified in the commodity information, based on the commodity information and positional information representing a position of the mobile-telephone terminal, and determining

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 U.S. Application No. 09/988,280

one store located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal among any other stores dealing the commodity specified in the commodity information;

accessing stock information representing a stock of commodities dealt by the determined closest store, and acquiring the stock information; and

sending the store summary information, regarding the determined store which is located closest to the position of the mobile-telephone terminal, and the acquired stock information, to the mobile-telephone terminal, and setting the mobile-telephone terminal to display the sent information.